BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2005 ABLONDI ROOM

Attendance: Katherine E. Murphy, Chair; John H. Stasik, Chair; Charles J. Sisitsky, Clerk; A. Ginger Esty, Member; Dennis L. Giombetti, Member

Staff: George P. King, Jr., Town Manager; Mark J. Purple, Assistant Town Manager; Scott T. Morelli, Executive Assistant

Mr. King said that the grievant had right to have his grievance heard in open session under law. Chair Murphy asked the grievant if he would like to hold the hearing in open session and he declined.

MOVED: To move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining and litigation, with intention of moving into open session at 7:00 PM.

Motion: Mr. Stasik Second: Mr. Giombetti

VOTE: 5 - 0 (roll call vote)

Upon returning to open session, the Chair called for a five minutes recess.

After the recess, Ms. Murphy reviewed the agenda and thanked everyone for their patience while the Board was in executive session.

Public Participation

Mr. William LeBarge expressed concerns about some interactions he had with members of the Human Relations Commission after they learned he was a member of CCFILE.

Mr. Tom O'Neil expressed concern on behalf of a neighbor regarding the sign bylaw enforcement. Mr. O'Neil explained that the Standing Committee on Planning and Zoning had not received a formal response to a letter they had sent to the Building Commissioner regarding sign bylaw enforcement. However, the Building Department had been communicating with the press about the matter. Mr. O'Neil stated that his neighbor belonged to a church that had recently been fined for a sign that had been up for 40 years. He expressed dismay that the only way this fine could be resolved was through the Clerk of Courts. Mr. O'Neil suggested a five year compliance period and the institution of a warning prior to the issuance of a fine.

Ms. Murphy commented that she believed that letters had already been sent out to that effect and Mr. O'Neil reiterated that he felt it was unfair to have to go to court to appeal the fine.

Ms. Murphy recognized Ms. Valerie Mulvey, Town Clerk, to speak. Mr. Jim Rizoli went to the microphone and stated that he felt he was being by-passed by the Chair because his name was next on the public speaking list. Ms. Murphy stated that she was recognizing Ms. Mulvey. Mr. Rizoli stated that he had a complaint against the Human Relations Commission and Ms. Murphy asked him to be seated and stated that he was not

recognized. When Mr. Rizoli refused to sit down Ms. Murphy said that she would have him removed and again recognized Ms. Mulvey. Mr. Rizoli then left and Ms. Mulvey took the microphone.

Ms. Mulvey stated that last week her friend John Mahoney came in to pay a sign fine and discussed the issue with her. She suggested he attend the Selectmen's meeting and to see Mr. Stasik on the Sign Review Committee. Ms. Mulvey stated that without signs the Town would not be a destination. She added that Mr. Mahoney knew he violated the bylaw and that he was not someone who liked to complain but had an interest in seeing the revitalization of the downtown. Ms. Murphy thanked Ms. Mulvey for her work on the issue.

Mr. John Mahoney stated that it was very difficult to do business downtown and compete with Route 9. He said he had been informed that the sign bylaw was possibly going to be revised and he suggested revising it for the downtown to allow businesses to post a sign for a certain period of time and be charged for it. Mr. Mahoney stated that the downtown businesses needed these signs to draw in visitors to their establishments. Ms. Murphy clarified that it was Mr. Mahoney's assertion that once the new sign bylaw goes into effect that it would have an adverse affect on downtown businesses. Mr. Mahoney said that he felt the Town should allow some signs to be up for a fee and to possibly limit the amount of time that these signs can be displayed. He added that many downtown businesses from the common up to Memorial Building use sandwich boards to bring attention to what's going on inside their shops. Mr. Mahoney stated that without these downtown businesses that there can be no revitalization.

Mr. Stasik noted his appreciation for Mr. Mahoney's work keeping that corner of downtown vital. He stated that the overall purpose of the sign bylaw was to identify and not to advertise. Mr. Stasik said that this might be something that could be revisited. He said that if people had questions or concerns about signs then they should notify the Building Department or Selectmen's office about issues and that he was willing to discuss the impact of the bylaw with anyone.

Mr. Mahoney added that his second issue with downtown revitalization was with the Town owned parking lot behind his store and the car wash which he felt was an eyesore. He gave pictures of the lot to Ms. Murphy and pondered how the Town could get people into the downtown when it hadn't been kept up. Mr. Mahoney added that he felt like downtown stopped at the tracks. His third issue with downtown revitalization was crime downtown, which he felt was a problem. Mr. Mahoney said that the police were doing a good job but that they were understaffed and needed more of a presence in the downtown. He added that the major problem behind the criminal activity was the wet shelter and that something needed to be done about it.

Mr. Boris Kanieff was the owner of the Auto Bright Car Care Center downtown. He agreed with Mr. Mahoney's statement that signs were important to merchants so that they can advertise their items to individuals. Mr. Kanieff echoed Mr. Mahoney's sentiments about the issue of crime in the downtown and requested that the Board support whatever the Police Department asked for to improve safety in the downtown.

Ms. Murphy said she appreciated the words of Mr. Kanieff and Mr. Mahoney.

Ms. Esty added that Mr. Kanieff was one of the few people several years ago who recognized and articulated the need to address critical issues in order to revitalize the downtown.

Mr. Sisitsky stated that this was the first time that there had been comprehensive enforcement of the sign bylaw and that people were beginning to realize what it provided. He felt it was unfortunate that there was no mechanism for issuing warnings and that the only remedy was a fine, about which he had received many complaints in the last few weeks, including businesses in and outside of the downtown and small nonprofits. Mr. Sisitsky said that the Town needed to take another look at how the issues affected small businesses and to have larger involvement from members of the business community when changes came up to the bylaw. He regretted these fines but said it was his understanding from Mr. King that the Building Inspector had no other alternative, a statement that Mr. King agreed with.

Mr. Giombetti said he was in favor of having two districts for the sign bylaw and possibly allowing the downtown area to have a more liberal bylaw because of the need to attract business in that area. Regarding downtown crime, he said he had called for division heads to come in and give a presentation. This presentation would include the Police Chief regarding the study he did about a year ago and to let the Board know what his strategy was for the downtown. Mr. Giombetti said that the Town needed a strategy for crime in the downtown.

MOVED: On future agendas, to invite division heads to come in to talk about their goals and initiatives for the next year for the Board to review and for the public to know and also to gauge the Town Manager and his management style, and for the Police Chief to come in to discuss the strategy for general crime and alleviation of that in the Town. Motion: Mr. Giombetti Second: Ms. Esty

DISCUSSION: Ms. Murphy said that Mr. King talked about bringing the Chief in to speak in conjunction with the budget. Mr. Giombetti agreed it would help in the Board's budget deliberations. Ms. Esty said there could be things other than money that people could provide as potential strategies.

Mr. Sisitsky said he had a conversation a while back with the Police Chief regarding the deployment of personnel and at the time he suggested that the Chief give the Board a presentation before Town Meeting. He said he supported the motion to have the Chief come in and thought the Board already decided to do this.

Mr. Stasik also remembered Mr. Sisitsky making the suggestion to have the Chief come in but felt that Mr. Giombetti was looking for an ongoing discussion with the division heads with this motion.

VOTE: 5-0

Mr. Robert O'Neil spoke about the need for a Concord Street underpass and referred to a study conducted in 1996. He said such an underpass on 126 would help ease the tax burden and would bring revitalization to the downtown, along with other benefits.

Ms. Janice Skelley referenced a purchase agreement between SMOC and the owner of 517 Winter Street. She wanted to know whether the Board could tell her if SMOC had submitted an application for permits to subdivide and if so had there been any statements made by SMOC indicating the use of the additional lots. Mr. King said that as of last week they had not filed with the Planning Board or the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration of the Transfer, Alteration of Premises, Change of Hours, and Change of Manager for the All Alcohol, Common Victualer, Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment licenses from Stage One to Brazzille (Barriga Cheia, Inc. – 85 Hollis Street)

Mr. Drew Rogers, a Framingham attorney, represented the owners of Brazzile. He showed the Board pictures of the proposed renovations into Stage One. Mr. Rogers said that Brazzile was an upscale, family restaurant and that they had asked for 135 seats, room for an additional 35 spaces for standing, and a small bar with only 7 stools. He said that there would be some Brazilian entertainment. Mr. Rogers added that Barriga Cheia currently had a nice following, mostly locals, and that this renovation would be something nice for the downtown.

Mr. Sisitsky asked if this application had gone before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the land use component and if it had been approved, which Mr. Rogers said it was.

Ms. Esty asked if there would be public parking in the back. Mr. Rogers said there was ample parking available and that it wouldn't interfere with Mr. Kanieff's business as Stage One had done in the past.

Mr. Giombetti stated that this was a significant upgrade. He asked if the new side would be for entertainment or for dining. Mr. Rogers said it would be used for both but mostly for dining.

Mr. Stasik asked if it was only one floor, which Mr. Rogers said there was also a basement.

Mr. Giombetti asked if there would be entertainment every night. Mr. Rogers stated that they would initially have entertainment on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Mr. Giombetti asked if the upgrades would be done prior to the establishment going into the Stage One area or would it be phased in. Mr. Rogers said that they were trying to keep the present restaurant open while performing the upgrades and would close for a short time when the end of the renovations were near.

Board members agreed that this looked like a great project that would benefit the downtown.

MOVED: To approve the Transfer, Alteration of Premises, Change of Alcohol, and change of Manager for All Alcohol, Common Victualer, Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment licenses from Stage One to Brazzille (Barriga Cheia, Inc. – 85 Hollis Street), subject to the DPW's condition of the oil and the grease trap.

Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Giombetti

VOTE: 5-0

Consideration of request for sidewalk sale extension for Panza Shoes

Ms. Murphy said that Panza sent the Board a letter indicating that there was a lot of bad weather during the 14 days given to them for the sidewalk sale.

MOVED: To approve the request for sidewalk sale extension for Panza Shoes.

Motion: Ms. Esty Second: Mr. Sisitsky

VOTE: 5-0

Consideration of Election Officer Appointments

Mr. King said that this was the request that had been tabled at the last meeting due to the July 15, 2005 requirement and this was to comply with state law.

Ms. Murphy said that there was a list of Democrats and a shorter list of Republicans.

Ms. Mulvey said that she was trying as much as possible to balance Democrats and Republicans so she was looking for more Republicans for a balance, per the statute.

MOVED: To appoint election officers as recommended by the Town Clerk.

Motion: Mr. Giombetti Second: Mr. Sisitsky

VOTE: 5-0

Consideration of MetroWest Growth Management membership assessment

Mr. King stated that there was a \$21,000 assessment from them this year, which was only 75% of what it was in FY03 but it was 50% greater than what it was last year. He said that currently there was only \$14,000 budgeted for this and he recommended paying the \$14,000 now and paying the remainder of the balance after Town Meeting through a supplemental budget.

Ms. Esty said that they offered a bargain to the Board for a while but now it was back up to the full cost.

Ms. Murphy asked Mr. King if he would put this item before the fall Town Meeting and he said he would.

PILOT Study Committee – Conference with Town Moderator

Ms. Murphy asked Mr. Edward Noonan, the Town Meeting Moderator, to address the Board regarding the PILOT Committee. She said that Town Meeting asked the Board to study the role and impact of social service agencies in the Town. Ms. Murphy said that five members were to be appointed by the Town Meeting Moderator and five were to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Noonan stated that Town Meeting had charged him with making five appointments to the PILOT Study Committee and for the Selectmen to make five appointments for a total of ten committee members. He said he accepted applications through July 20, 2005 and took a week to review the applications and conduct interviews. Ms. Murphy indicated that the Selectmen accepted applications up until today so they would take time to review these applicants this evening before deciding on their choices. Mr. Noonan read the names of his appointees in alphabetical order:

- 1) Mr. Yaakov Cohn He was a resident at 5 Harvard Road. He had a BA in Psychology and was a Town Meeting member from Precinct 5. His family emigrated from Russia through Eastern Europe during WWII and had to learn the many ways of the U.S. He owned a business in Brookline and had an ability to work in a group setting and to be objective.
- 2) Ms. Laurie Lee She was a resident at 25 Carter Drive. She was a Town Meeting member from Precinct 1. She had a Master's degree in Physics and had good research and presentation skills. She had experience on Town committee's and had great enthusiasm.
- 3) Mr. Steven Orr He was a resident at 41 Wayside Inn Road and also a Town Meeting member. He had a Master's degree in Computer Science and was the webmaster for Frambors and townmeeting.net. He was a member of the Standing Committee on Public Works and the Conservation Committee. He also contributed to the Citizens' Advisory Committee.
- 4) Mr. James Palmer He was a 44 year resident of the Town and lived at 367 Elm Street in Saxonville. He was retired from Northeastern University where he had been an administrator in both the Psychology and Engineering Departments. He had done consulting work with the Parks and Recreation Commission and had been a long time sports official in the area.
- 5) Dr. Nicholas Sanchez He was a resident at 13 Red Cove Rd. He had a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics. He had taught at Holy Cross College in Worcester for 23 years. He taught economic research and had presented papers at national and global economic meetings. He had prior service on the School

Committee and in other political areas and his solid analytical skills would be helpful to the committee.

Mr. Noonan said he believed that the PILOT Committee was diverse and would be objective. He said that all members said they were comfortable with the time commitment required for this committee. Mr. Noonan said that there was urgency to the amendment at Town Meeting to report back in November 2005. He said there was a lot of work to be done between now and then. Mr. Noonan informed the Board that once they made their decision on their five appointees that he would set up a meeting time, probably on August 2, 2005 or August 4, 2005, where officers would be elected, agendas formulated, the mission formed, and they could then commence the work of the committee.

Ms. Murphy thanked Mr. Noonan for his work. She said the Board had received nine applications, which they would review and select from this evening. Ms. Murphy noted that applicants in attendance that evening would be afforded the opportunity to speak but it would not be held against those applicants who were not present. Mr. Sisitsky read the names of the candidates: Rebecca Connelly, Bob Berman , John Sporanza, Cynthia Laurora, Dawn Harkness, Kurt Steinberg, Ilene Hoffrening, Wes Ritchie, and Douglas Rich. Ms. Murphy invited those candidates that were present to speak on behalf of themselves:

Cynthia Laurora stated that she was very interested in the committee and that she was a third generation resident. She was a mother with two boys in the school system who cared very much about the Town. She was interested in exploring what social services were contributing versus what they were consuming from the Town. She lived on Winter Lane and was a member of STEPPS. She was a consensus builder and had a BA in Criminal Justice. She had worked in social services and in Washington, DC.

Rebecca Connelly, a Town Meeting member from Precinct 5, stated that she had been on the Ways and Means Subcommittee for Town Meeting for three years. She had a BA in Communications. She also had served on the Research Committee for the Public Access Study. She said she was very interested in the committee and holds no bias on the issue either way. She stated her firm belief that the issue needed to be addressed from a monetary perspective.

Dawn Harkness, a Town Meeting member from Precinct 4, stated that she was a member of the Human Relation Commission and the Vice Chair of the Community Service Committee. She noted that some of those who had already been appointed to this committee had been very critical of the role of social services in Framingham. She said that while she respects their views she was a supporter of social services and that the committee could use her perspective.

Wes Richie, a Town Meeting member from Precinct 3, said that he was the Chair of the Standing Committee on Education and the Legislative Aide to Representative Sannicandro. He thought that the PILOT program was a great idea and was excited to get facts about the matter. He said that he had been working on the program a lot at

Representative Sannicandro's office so he was very familiar with it. He felt it was important for the committee to foster good relations with the community and social service agencies and believes he would be able to do that well.

Mr. Sisitsky suggested that the Board vote by paper ballot to make the process easier and noted that this vote was still public record.

Mr. Stasik said that time should be allotted for people to speak on behalf of other candidates not present. Ms. Esty suggested reading each candidate's application letter. She wondered whether the Board should consider appointing someone who worked for a social service agency/nonprofit or who had a spouse who worked for a social service agency/nonprofit. Mr. Sisitsky and Mr. Stasik said this should not disqualify an applicant. Ms. Murphy asked to have the applications read aloud by Board members.

The Board read aloud applications from Mr. Doug Rich, Ms. Ilene Hoffrening, Mr. John Sporanza, Mr. Bob Berman, and Mr. Kurt Steinberg.

Mr. King reminded the Board to sign the paper with their votes. He noted that those receiving three votes would be appointed.

First Round of Votes

Mr. King announced that Mr. Berman, Mr. Ritchie, Ms. Harkness, and Ms. Laurora were appointed. This left one vacancy to be filled and as such each Board member would now vote for one candidate in round two of voting.

Second Round of Votes

Mr. King announced that no candidate was appointed in the second round as none received a majority (3) of votes. Since Mr. Steinberg and Ms. Hoffrening received 2 votes each, the Board decided to consider only these two candidates for the third round of voting

Third Round of Votes

Mr. King announced that Mr. Steinberg was appointed, joining Mr. Berman, Ms. Harkness, Ms. Laurora, and Mr. Ritchie as the Board's five appointees to the PILOT Study Committee.

Ms. Murphy and Mr. Noonan agreed that all who applied for this committee were excellent candidates and thanked everyone for their interest. Mr. Noonan said he would notify all appointees of the meeting time, date, and place.

<u>Policy Subcommittee Report – Town Manager Evaluation Document</u>

Ms. Murphy said that the Board talked about a timeline at the last meeting. She said that she met with the Town Manager to discuss the evaluation.

Mr. Stasik noted a couple major changes, including going from a rating scale of 9-10 down to 5. Ms. Murphy said that they changed the rating scale because the previous version was too cumbersome. She added that this tool was not public but rather they were the Board members' individual worksheets. Ms. Murphy noted that nearly everything on these individual worksheets was usually added into the final product, however. She said that there were specific aspects of the Town Manager that get evaluated as well as specific goals.

Mr. Stasik said that there was also a change from the previous year in the weighting of the two primary categories of personal qualities and goals. Ms. Murphy said that the weighting was always 65/35 for goals/dimensions in the past. She said that the feeling was that these categories should be of equal weight because they were of equal importance to the Board and to the functioning of the Town. Ms. Murphy said that all of these were calculated and then a narrative composite was presented in a public meeting.

Mr. King said that the evaluation was due September 27, 2005. He said Board members would receive the evaluation on September 13, 2005 and on October 11, 2005 it would be presented.

Ms. Murphy informed the Board members that if they wanted to make any changes to the evaluation they should do so at this time.

Ms. Esty asked Mr. King if he was concerned about this process in light of surrounding towns being cited for their processes not being open, and since only a certain portion of the Town's process was open. Mr. King responded that, unlike some other towns, Framingham gave out all of the information, including the evaluation and score by every category. Ms. Esty said that the individual assessments were not public, however. Ms. Murphy said that the vast majority of comments on the individual sheets were incorporated into the final evaluation, which was made public. She said that the towns cited held their evaluations in executive session, which Framingham did not. Ms. Esty said that the Town needed to pay attention to the results of the problems in the surrounding towns with this issue. She queried as to whether to give the records to the press if they request them. Mr. King stated that the Board had a contractual obligation and as such they could not give them out. Ms. Esty asked if there was legal precedent for this to which Mr. King said he thought the Town did because it gave out such a thorough evaluation.

MOVED: To accept the policy subcommittee's recommendation.

Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Stasik

VOTE: 5-0

Town Manager's Report

Wet Shelter

Mr. King responded to Ms. Esty's inquiry at the last Board meeting as to whether the wet shelter would be moving to Franklin Street. He had confirmed that was not happening.

Recycling Center

Mr. King said that Mr. Sellers recently showed some positive and negative aspects of the Recycling Center. He said that one of the positives was that in the near future the Town would be relocating the Recycling Center. Mr. King said that a lot of structures had been removed from behind the building, which would enable citizens to drive their cars up on to an elevated platform with the bins down below. He added that trucks would be able to drive in there and easily remove the bins. Mr. King said this would be a nice improvement, which hopefully would be ready by the fall.

Mr. Sisitsky wanted to make sure the Town was not changing any of the current policies. Mr. King said that he didn't believe so. Board members agreed that a lot of people used the facility and that they do a good job at the center. Mr. King said this would allow the Town to have better fiscal controls. Mr. Stasik noted recent newspaper articles about recycling in Massachusetts. He said that there would be increasing pressure on CSX to carry more freight through Framingham, including Boston's trash. Mr. Stasik queried whether the Board should take action to pursue ways in which the Town can increase recycling, which currently stood at about 30%. Mr. King said he was always willing to discuss ways to increase recycling. Ms. Murphy and Ms. Esty suggested putting it on the agenda and Mr. King agreed.

Mr. King noted two major budget issues: 1) Keeping the FY06 budget balanced, and 2) Preparation for the FY07 budget as the Board had indicated that they would like to see this become a year-long process, which Mr. King felt was a good idea. He recommended beginning the FY07 planning process at the August 23, 2005 meeting by having a presentation/discussion on the Three Year Financial Projection.

Mr. King agreed with the point made in public participation regarding the condition of the Town-owned downtown parking lot. He believed that the Town needed to hold itself to the same standards as it held others. He apologized for the issue not yet being resolved and would look into it and report back to the Board. Ms. Esty wondered if Tree City money could be used to help plant trees around the parking lot. Mr. King said he would look into this as well.

Ms. Esty asked to find the minutes from 2002 regarding the wet shelter. She said there had been a meeting at which SMOC was present where they stated that they were in the wrong neighborhood and that they would find programs to keep their clients busy. Ms. Esty reminded the Board that when the churches ran the shelter that it was during the winter for emergencies and when SMOC took over it became 24 hours. She said that the Board should explore whether or not this was a seasonal or year-round need. Ms. Esty said that Worcester was also struggling with this issue.

Ms. Esty asked about the Manager's weekly "green sheet" as she felt that it took items away from the public Town Manager's report. Mr. King said he tried to keep things on there that the Board should be aware of but that might not be of public interest.

Ms. Esty asked if bids were being taken for the Town's heating system, in particular for solar bids. Mr. King said that the Town was taking bids for possible temporary heat for the winter with the current system. He thinks that this was a legitimate question for the

engineers when discussing a long-term presentation before the Board. Ms. Esty responded that the Town should look to show the way of what it was asking of the downtown redevelopment by "going green." Ms. Esty said that there were architects who could come speak to the Board about solar energy. Mr. King said it made sense if it was cheaper than the current options.

Ms. Esty wondered if the subcontractors were waiting for the snow money. Mr. King said that everyone had been paid but it was just a matter of clearing the snow and ice deficit from the Town's books.

Ms. Esty brought up the mock drowning drill training. She said she read about people not recognizing the importance of the lifeguards and throwing them in the water at Learned's Beach. Ms. Esty said that this may be a cultural difference. Mr. King said that the first drill was on a rainy day and that they did a second drill on a relatively hot day which worked out well. Ms. Esty stated that people had to respect the authority and power of the lifeguard. Mr. King agreed and said that Learned's Pond had been a challenge for the Town. He said that there was an incident at the pond as recently as earlier that evening and that they had to have the police there on several occasions. Mr. King added that there were only three to four weeks left of open beach season. He said the Town needed to look into what was causing these problems.

Mr. Sisitsky said that almost the entire neighborhood was at the last Traffic and Roadway Safety Committee meeting to complain about issues near the pond, in particular parking. He said the Police Chief exercised his emergency powers to post one side of Shawmut Terrace, Brigham Road, and one side of Robertson Road with no parking signs. Mr. Sisitsky said that the Chief also ensured that the FPD would respond quickly when neighbors called and issue tickets. He said they had been doing a good job and that this effort had greatly reduced problems in the neighborhood and they would be pursuing a longer term solution.

Ms. Esty said that every once and a while people talked about expanding the beach further into woods, which she said was disallowed.

Mr. Sisitsky asked for more detail from Mr. King regarding the sign bylaw. Mr. King stated that it was an overall code enforcement effort which had resulted in an increased interest from some individuals and an increased awareness that the law would be coming into full effect next year. Mr. King said people as a result were seeing the downside of enforcement, which often happens with the PD. He disagreed with an earlier statement that it hadn't been enforced the past nine years as he said it had been. Mr. King said that in the last few years there hasn't been as much enforcement due to the lack of a full-time sign officer. He said the Town was trying to integrate some things into the normal processes of the Building Department. Mr. King said he had no objection to the Town making changes to the bylaw but what the Town was doing right now was enforcing the bylaw as written. He said that unfortunately this meant tickets for some people from time to time.

Ms. Esty stated that she thought someone was running a landscape business out of their backyard at 19 or 21 Nadine Road. She said there was a lot of things in the yard that she knows weren't supposed to be in the yard of a single family zone. Mr. King said he would look into this.

Ms. Esty said that at the beginning of Joseph Road she thought someone was running an irrigation company and had many trucks there. Mr. King would also look into this matter.

Ms. Esty said that on August 11, 2005 there was an unexpected MPO meeting in Boston. She asked if Kathy Bartolini, Director of Planning and Economic Development, could attend since both she and Mr. Stasik would be away. Mr. King concurred.

Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Giombetti reported on the subcommittee formed at the last meeting regarding Social Service agencies and meeting with their respective CEOs and said that they were in the process of setting up an initial meeting. He said his interpretation was that they meet in a group and not individually with the CEOs. Ms. Murphy wondered about conferring with other communities. Mr. Giombetti noted that Worcester was having similar issues and that they had a task force that was looking at similar parameters. He suggested bringing in a member of Worcester's City Council to discuss the issue, to which the Board agreed.

Mr. Sisitsky said that the Traffic and Roadway Safety Committee was helping the Shawmut Terrace neighborhood. He also commended Ms. Murphy on her handling of the meeting, especially public participation. Ms. Murphy thanked Mr. Sisitsky and said she felt certain people had controlled the airwaves for the past two years and that she received many complaints about the racist themes from these individuals.

Mr. Stasik agreed with Mr. Sisitsky's comments about Ms. Murphy's handling of the meeting. He noted that the Board was invited to a Visioning Session on the RTA at the Morse Library in Natick Center on August 16, 2005. Mr. Stasik said that this would be a discussion on forming an RTA in the Metro West area, which he said was gaining momentum. He also said that it was time for the Board to have a discussion about the 126/135 intersection at the August 9, 2005 meeting. Ms. Murphy suggested such a conversation be held at a September meeting and for Mr. Sellers and Ms. Bartolini to prepare all necessary information for said meeting.

Mr. Sisitsky stated that he had heard a rumor that the Town's high hazard locations along Edgell Road and the intersection of Potter and Elm that were originally going to be on the TIP for next year had been pushed back a couple of years. Ms. Esty said that she hadn't seen anything to substantiate that claim. Mr. Stasik said that it was his understanding that they weren't on a TIP at all. Mr. King said that he thought the TIP Committee would consider Edgell Road but that the Town might have to address the others in a slightly different way. Mr. Sisitsky asked for more information on this issue. Mr. King said they're still working on it now but thinks that putting Edgell Road all in one project

makes sense. Mr. Stasik said that it was his recollection that the six intersections were no longer on the TIP. Mr. Sisitsky asked Mr. Stasik to keep the Board informed.

Ms. Murphy said that she and Mr. Stasik attended the Reading Day for the Blind at Framingham State College, which was a very interesting event. Ms. Murphy said she was at Beacon Hill recently testifying in support of single-payer legislation. She said she was there both as a nurse and as a municipal official and was keeping an eye on this to ensure that municipalities were taken care of. Ms. Murphy announced that the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Housing Study was meeting in the Ablondi Room at 7:30 PM and that this meeting was open to the public. She said the meeting topic would be the housing supply.

MOVED: To adjourn at 9:58 PM.

Motion: Mr. Sisitsky Second: Mr. Stasik

VOTE: 5 - 0 (roll call)

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Sisitsky, Clerk